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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Original) A seal for threaded joints for pipelines formed by pipes with outer threads joined by couplings with inner threads, the seal constituted by a substantially cylindrical sleeve of elastomeric material, wherein the outer surface of the sleeve has at least in part of its length a thread engaging the inner threads of the coupling.
- 2. (Original) The seal of claim 1, wherein said cylindrical sleeve is enlarged at both ends by sealing lips.
- 3. (Currently amended) <u>A Use of a seal according to claims 1 or 2 claim 1, for the joining by means of threaded coupling of pipes intended to form pipelines to convey fluids, especially corroding fluids, hydrocarbons and its derivatives and the like.</u>
- 4. (New) A seal according to claim 2, for joining by means of threaded coupling of pipes intended to form pipelines to convey fluids, especially corroding fluids, hydrocarbons and its derivatives and the like.